

(Washington, DC)— Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an amendment written by U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) to include the Great Lakes in research on the effects of climate change.

Her amendment was to the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act, which reauthorizes research programs to spur innovation and strengthen America's scientific and economic leadership. Moore's amendment includes the Great Lakes in a research program to study the effects of climate change and increased greenhouse gas emissions.

Congresswoman Moore said, **“My amendment is simple common sense – if we’re going to be looking at the effects of climate change on our oceans, we should look at the Great Lakes too.□ The environmental health of Lake Michigan is critical to our region’s economy.□ From shipping to tourism to manufacturing to fishing, jobs rely on a healthy Lake Michigan.”**

The overall legislation is currently pending before the House. A final vote is expected tomorrow.

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